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SUBJECT

Ta-lai - Nung-an - Huai-te Sector

1 Column (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 Divisions)

17 April: The 1 Column is in the Fu-yu area, with its divisions disposed as follows:

1 and 2 Divs - north of Fu-yu

3 Div - south of the city on the opposite bank of the Sungari River

4 Div - a few kilometers west of Ha-la-hai (125-06, 44-40), with a regiment of 3 Div

5 Div - between Fu-yu ami Ta-lai

6 Div - at Ta-lei.

18 April: The 4 Div has moved from Ha-la-hai to the south bank of the Sungari opposite Fu-yu.

30 April: Eight divisions are disposed in the area from Ta-lai to Fu-yu to Wang-fu to Chien-an. Included are the following:

1, 2, and 3 Divs - in the Fu-yu-Chien-kuo-chi (124-47, 45-08) area

4 Div - at Wang-fu (125-01, 44-53)

5 Div (plus the T l Bde) - at Chien-an

6 Div - at Te-lai

On 27 April, 10,000 Communists from Tsitsihar (123-57, 47-22) arrived in Ta-lai. Part of this force included the ? Division, a new designation.

10 May: The 7 Div is at Shen-ching-tzu (124-32, 44-48).

14 May: The 2 Div is a few miles from Huai-te, but no large-scale contact has been made as yet.

15 May: The 5 and 6 Divs of 2 Column have moved south from Nung-en to reinforce the 2 Div, which is attacking Huai-te.

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16 May: The 3 Div is 30 kilometers northwest of Nung-an, with an advance party of 2000 men 10 kilometers southwest of Te-hui (125-43, 14-31). At Huai-te there is little change, with the city still surrounded by Communists.

17 May: The 2000-men advance party of 3 Div destroyed a railroad bridge at Fu-hai (125-38, 44-22) and then continued southeast; they are now within 15 kilometers of Chiu-tai (125-50, 44-08).

The Communists are still attacking Huai-te. Elements of 1 and 2 Divs have been contacted by the Nationalists 20 kilometers east of there.

18 May: Huai-te fell on the night of 17 May. The Nationalist 50, 88, and 91 Divs hold the line about 10 kilometers east of Huai-te. Because of Communist infiltration and successful harassing attacks, the NECC has ordered a Nationalist withdrawal to about 20 kilometers east of Huai-te to set up strong defensive positions and stop the Communist push to the east.

2 Column (4, 5, 6 Divisions)

8 April: The 4 and 5 Divs are dispersed along the railroad from Fu-yu to Ta-lai.

13 April: Part of 2 Column is at Fu-lung-chuan (124-37, 44-23) and Yang-ta-cheng-

13 May: The Communists are pushing toward Nung-an in strength. Part of 4 Div is moving south toward Chai-kang (125-07, 44-34); 5 and 6 Divs are reported to have passed through Ha-la-hai (125-06, 44-40).

14 May: The 4, 5, and 6 Divs have completely surrounded Nung-an.

15 May: Fart of the Communist force at Nung-an has withdrawn, leaving the 4 Div surrounding the city at a distance of 10 kilometers. The 5 and 6 Divs moved south, reinforcing the 2 Division, which is attacking Huai-te. The Communists also have a cavalry detachment and an artillery unit near Huai-te.

Temporary 1 Brigade

14 April: Routed at Yang-ta-cheng-chen and forced to withdraw to Chang-ling (123-57, 44-15) by the Nationalists.

21 April: Moved from Chang-ling to Chien-an.

Sungehiang Military Sub-District

21 April: 3000 unidentified troops which have moved from Yu-shu (126-31, 44-49) to Chang-chun-ling (125-25, 45-22) may be headquarters troops of Sungchiang MSD.

Kirin - Chiao-ho Sector

6 Column (16, 17, 18 Divisions)

9 May: The 17 Div is at La-fa.

10 May: The 16 Div is at Shu-lan. The 18 Div is south of Kang-yao-chen

13 May: The 18 Div at Yu-chia-tun (126-53, 44-03) is moving toward Chiang-mi-feng (126-44, 43-57).

15 May: The 17 Div, with troops of North Kirin Military District Hq, has moved to a few kilometers north of Vu-la-chieh (126-27, 144-05).

16 May: The Communists are increasing their strength near Kirin, and now have the 6 Column, 2 Carrison Brigade, and three unidentified divisions. The 17 Div is across from Kirin on the north bank of the Sungari, with the 16 Div moving that way. Part of 18 Div is at Ta-ku-cha-tzu (126-45, 43-48).

17 May: At Kirin, most of 6 Column is withdrawing to the north.

Westward. 18 May: Everything is quiet at Kirin, with the 6 Column still withdrawing north-

8 Column (24, 25, 26 Brigades)

10 April: The 24 Bde, plus 2000 unidentified troops, has moved to Chiao-ho.

21 April: The 24 Bde has moved from La-fa to Shu-lan.

COMPTENDEDTAL

14 Division

- I May: A new unit at Chiao-ho.
- 2 Garrison Brigade
 - 9 May: Main strength is near Chiao-ho.
 - 16 May: Near Kirin with 6 Column.

Mei-ho-kou - Tung-hua Sector

- 3 Column (7, 8, 9 Brigades)
 - 9 April: The 7 Bde is at Hsiao-cheng-tzu (125-47, 42-03); the 8 Bde is at San-peng-tien-tzu.
 - 14 April: The 7 Bde is at Hsiang-yang-chen (125-29, 42-01); a regiment of 9 Bde is at Tai-ping-chuan (125-51, 42-31), with the rest of the bde at Hsiao-cheng-tzu.
 - 16 April: On 15 April, Nan-shan-cheng-tzu was attacked by 2000 Communists, believed to be part of 7 Bde.
 - 22 April: On 21 April, the 24 and 25 Regiments of 8 Bde moved to Hsiao-cheng-tzu.
 - 23 April: Hq 3 Column is at Hsiao-cheng-tzu; the 7 Bde is in the Ta-sha-tan (125-31, 42-09) area.
 - 25 April: The brigades of 3 Column are disposed as follows:
 - 7 Bde at Ku-shan-tzu (126-01, 42-12)
 - 8 Bde at Hsiao-cheng-tzu
 - 9 Bde moving east from Hung-shih-li-tzu (125-39, 41-54)
 - 28 April:
 - 7 Ede at Wan-kou-tzu (125-43, 41-41)
 - 8 Bde north of Tung-hua
 - 9 Bde moving toward Hsiao-cheng-tzu
 - 30 April: The 7 Bde is moving toward Liu-ho.
 - 12 May: The 3 Column holds the area from Tieh-chang-tzu to Wan-kou-tzu to Liu-ho.
 - 14 May: On 13 May, part of 7 Bde attacked Pei-shan-cheng-chen (125-25, 42-22), held by a regiment of 184 Division. The 9 Bde, plus part of 7 Bde, attacked Tsao-shih (125-13, 42-18). The Nationalists are sending a force to try and stop this drive.
 - 15 May: Pei-shar-cheng-chen was taken on 14 May by the Communists. A holding force remained in the city, while the main force swung north toward Mei-ho-kou.
 - 16 May: The 9 Bde, plus the main force of Li Hung Kuang Detachment, is attacking Mei-ho-kou.
 - 17 May: The Communists have withdrawn most of their troops from Tsao-shih and have pulled back from Mei-ho-kou.
- 4 Column the 10, 11, 12 Brigades
 - 15 April: The 10 Ede is at Kan-kou (125-49, 41-51) Inote (125-43, 41-49).
 - 19 April: Part of 11 Bde is stationed 15 kilometers north of Tung-hua.
 - 23 April: The 10 Bde is in the Wu-tao-kou (125-54, 42-06) area; part of 11 Bde is at Ssu-tao-chiang (126-13, 41-46).
 - 23 April: The 4 Column has been reorganized. The 10 Bde, 11 Bde, and 36 Regt of 12 Bde are no longer component units, but have been replaced by troops from Shantung, who are stationed/Chung-wang-miao-hou. Hq 4 Column is also there.
 - 25 April: The 10 and 11 Bdes are northeast and south, respectively, of Tung-hua.
 - 28 April: The 11 Rde is at Tieh-chang-tzu,
 - 2 May: The 11 Bde is at Jo-shui-ho-tzu (126-14, 42-06); the 36 Regt of 12 Dde is moving north.
 - 15 May: The 10 Rde holds Man-shan-cheng-tzu.

2 Independent Division

9 April: The main forces of 2 Indpt Div and of Li Hung Kuang Detachment are near Hui-man; parts of both units are at San-peng-tien-tzu.

25 April: At Liu-ho

Li Hung Kuang Detachment

9 April: The main forces of LHK Det and 2 Indpt Div are near Hui-nan; parts of both units are at San-peng-tien-tzu.

16 May: The main force of LHK Det, plus 9 Bde, is attacking Mei-ho-kou.

17 May: The Communists have pulled back from Mei-ho-kou.

Liac-yuen - Kang-ping Sector

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9 April: On 8 April, troops of the India occupied hang-ping (125-20, 42-40).
On 9 April, the Nationalist 86 Div left Kai-yuan (124-01, 42-33) to retake Kang-ping.

10 April: The Communist troops that occupied Kang-ping have withdrawn to the west, pursued by a regiment of 88 Div, plus 2000 PFC troops.

12 May: The IMPSPA and the 1 and 2 PFC Bdes constitute the main Communist threat on the west front, but they have been inactive for some time.

14 May: The 1 and 3 Divs of RAPSPA and the 1 and 2 PPC Bdes — total strength 15,000 men — have pushed to Wo-hu-tun; they also completely surround Shuang-shan.

1 and 2 Peace Preservation Brigades

15 April: Bdes, plus an indpt regiment and an artillery unit, are west of Packang (123-20, 4k-01). They have a large supply of small boats and may cross the Hsi-liao River to attack Liao-yuan (123-30, k3-30).

10 May: The 2 PPC Bde is north of Liao-yuan.

12 May: Bdes, with the IMPSPA, constitute the main Communist threat on the west front, but have been inactive for some time.

14 May: Bdes and the 1 and 3 Divs of EMPSPA -- total strength 15,000 man -- have pushed to Wo-hu-tun; they also completely surround Shuang-shan.

Other Units

22 Brigade

1 May: A new unit - at Wu-chang (127-09, 44-55).

2 Military Sub-District

3 May: On 29 April, 2500 Communists of 2 Mil Sub-Dist moved a few kilometers south of Hsi-feng (124-41, 42-44).

3 Military Sub-District

25 April: The 2 and 3 Regts are at Tao-mu-kou (124-40, 41-31) and south of Ying-pen (124-14, 41-55), respectively.

Kirin-Liaoning Field Hq

2 May: On 29 April, 10,000 troops of the K-L Field Hq passed through Harbin by rail heading northwest.

Coordinates not given in the text follow:

Nung-an (125-11, 44-26) Chiao-ho (127-20, 43-43) San-peng-tien-tzu (125-32, 44-50) Chien-an (124-08, 44-53) Shu-lan (126-48, 44-21) Fu-yu (124-49, 45-11) Shuang-shan (123-56, 43-42) Huai-te (124-46, 43-54) Ta-lai (124-17, 45-28) Hui-nam (126-15, 42-37) Tieh-chang-tzu (126-12, 41-41) La-fa (127-17, 43-51) Tung-hua (125-57, 41-41) Liu-ho (125-46, 42-17) Wo-hu-tun (123-34, 43-42) Mai-ho-kou (125-41, 42-32) Yang-ta-cheng-chen (124-25, 43-58) Nan-shan-cheng-tzu (125-18, 42-07)

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